

## SENATE BILL No. 149

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-13-3; IC 29-3; IC 31-19; IC 31-27-4-5; IC 31-30-1; IC 31-33; IC 31-34-21-7.7.

**Synopsis:** Department of child services. Removes the department of child services (DCS) from the entities to which a clerk of the court must forward a petition for adoption. Removes language regarding a child protection team being required to provide diagnostic and prognostic services for DCS or a juvenile court. Specifies how a child's death or near fatality may be determined to have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect for purposes of certain records. Removes certain duties of the office of the secretary of family and social services regarding child welfare. Adds additional information required in a petition for the appointment of a guardian for an incapacitated person or minor. Requires DCS to be notified of certain guardianship petitions and to be allowed to participate in a hearing on certain guardianship petitions. Permits a court to add conditions for a parent to terminate or modify a guardianship. Requires a court to notify DCS if certain petitions to terminate or modify a guardianship are filed. Removes the requirement that certain guardianship petitions be sent to the prosecuting attorney. Allows a juvenile court to request a probate court that retains jurisdiction over a guardianship to conduct additional proceedings. Provides that DCS may petition a court if a parent, guardian, or custodian refuses to allow a child to be interviewed. Prohibits the state police department from charging a fee for: (1) fingerprinting expenses related to criminal history checks conducted by the department; and (2) certain limited criminal history background checks conducted by the department. Requires juvenile courts or the department to pay the Federal Bureau of Investigation for costs of certain fingerprinting. Provides that if a juvenile court issues an order: (1) establishing or modifying a guardianship; (2) modifying child

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custody or visitation; or (3) creating or modifying the establishment of paternity; the court in which the original action was filed, or an appropriate court, shall assume primary jurisdiction and shall conduct additional proceedings. Makes a technical correction.

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## SENATE BILL No. 149

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 10-13-3-27.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007,  
2       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 27.5. (a) If:  
4           (1) exigent circumstances require the emergency placement of a  
5           child; and  
6           (2) the department will be unable to obtain criminal history  
7           information from the Interstate Identification Index before the  
8           emergency placement is scheduled to occur;  
9       upon request of the department of child services established by  
10      IC 31-25-1-1, a caseworker, or a juvenile probation officer, the  
11      department may conduct a national name based criminal history record  
12      check of each individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and  
13      who is currently residing in the location designated as the out-of-home  
14      placement at the time the child will reside in the location. The  
15      department shall promptly transmit a copy of the report it receives from



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the Interstate Identification Index to the agency or person that submitted a request under this section.

(b) Not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the department of child services, the caseworker, or the juvenile probation officer receives the results of the national name based criminal history record check, the department of child services, the caseworker, or the juvenile probation officer shall provide the department with a complete set of fingerprints for each individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is currently residing in the location designated as the out-of-home placement at the time the child will be placed in the location. The department shall:

(1) use fingerprint identification to positively identify each individual whose fingerprints are provided to the department under this subsection; or

(2) submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date on which the national name based criminal history record check was conducted.

The child shall be removed from the location designated as the out-of-home placement if an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is currently residing in the location designated as the out-of-home placement at the time the child will reside in the location fails to provide a complete set of fingerprints to the department of child services, the caseworker, or the juvenile probation officer.

(c) The department and the person or agency that provided fingerprints shall comply with all requirements of 42 U.S.C. 5119a and any other applicable federal law or regulation regarding:

(1) notification to the subject of the check; and

(2) the use of the results obtained based on the check of the person's fingerprints.

(d) If an out-of-home placement is denied as the result of a national name based criminal history record check, an individual who is the subject of the name based criminal history record check may contest the denial by submitting to the department of child services, the caseworker, or the juvenile probation officer:

(1) a complete set of the individual's fingerprints; and

(2) written authorization permitting the department of child services, the caseworker, or the juvenile probation officer to forward the fingerprints to the department for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

not later than five (5) days after the out-of-home placement is denied.

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1           ~~(1)~~ department and  
 2           ~~(2)~~ Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 3 may charge a reasonable fee for processing a national name based  
 4 criminal history record check. The department shall adopt rules under  
 5 IC 4-22-2 to establish a reasonable fee for processing a national name  
 6 based criminal history record check and for collecting fees owed under  
 7 this subsection.

8           (f) The:

9           (1) department of child services, for an out-of-home placement  
 10 arranged by a caseworker or the department of child services; or  
 11           (2) juvenile court, for an out-of-home placement ordered by the  
 12 juvenile court;  
 13 shall pay the fee described in subsection (e), arrange for fingerprinting,  
 14 and pay the **Federal Bureau of Investigation for the** costs of  
 15 fingerprinting, if any.

16           **(g) The department may not charge a fee for responding to a**  
 17 **request for a fingerprint based national criminal history**  
 18 **background check made by the department of child services under**  
 19 **this section.**

20           SECTION 2. IC 10-13-3-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,  
 21 SECTION 85, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 22 JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 39. (a) The department is designated as the  
 23 authorized agency to receive requests for, process, and disseminate the  
 24 results of national criminal history background checks that comply with  
 25 this section and 42 U.S.C. 5119a.

26           (b) A qualified entity may contact the department to request a  
 27 national criminal history background check on any of the following  
 28 persons:

29           (1) A person who seeks to be or is employed with the qualified  
 30 entity. A request under this subdivision must be made not later  
 31 than three (3) months after the person is initially employed by the  
 32 qualified entity.

33           (2) A person who seeks to volunteer or is a volunteer with the  
 34 qualified entity. A request under this subdivision must be made  
 35 not later than three (3) months after the person initially volunteers  
 36 with the qualified entity.

37           (3) A person for whom a national criminal history background  
 38 check is required under any law relating to the licensing of a  
 39 home, center, or other facility for purposes of day care or  
 40 residential care of children.

41           (4) A person for whom a national criminal history background  
 42 check is required for purposes of placement of a child in a foster

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family home, a prospective adoptive home, or the home of a relative or other caretaker, or for purposes of a report concerning an adoption as required by IC 31-19-8.

(c) A qualified entity must submit a request under subsection (b) in the form required by the department and provide a set of the person's fingerprints and any required fees with the request. **The department may not charge a fee for responding to a request for a national criminal history background check made by the department of child services if the request is made as a part of a background investigation of an applicant for purposes of placement of a child in a foster family home, a prospective adoptive home, or the home of a relative or other caretaker.**

(d) If a qualified entity makes a request in conformity with subsection (b), the department shall submit the set of fingerprints provided with the request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check. The department shall respond to the request in conformity with:

- (1) the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 5119a; and
- (2) the regulations prescribed by the Attorney General of the United States under 42 U.S.C. 5119a.

(e) Subsection (f):

(1) applies to a qualified entity that:

- (A) is not a school corporation or a special education cooperative; or
- (B) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative and seeks a national criminal history background check for a volunteer; and

(2) does not apply to a qualified entity that is a:

- (A) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or
- (B) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.

(f) After receiving the results of a national criminal history background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall make a determination whether the person who is the subject of a request has been convicted of:

- (1) an offense described in IC 20-26-5-11;
- (2) in the case of a foster family home, an offense described in IC 31-27-4-13(a);
- (3) in the case of a prospective adoptive home, an offense described in IC 31-19-11-1(c);
- (4) any other felony; or
- (5) any misdemeanor;

and convey the determination to the requesting qualified entity.

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(g) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that:

- (1) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative; and
- (2) seeks a national criminal history background check to determine whether to employ or continue the employment of a certificated employee or a noncertificated employee of a school corporation or an equivalent position with a special education cooperative.

After receiving the results of a national criminal history background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department may exchange identification records concerning convictions for offenses described in IC 20-26-5-11 with the school corporation or special education cooperative solely for purposes of making an employment determination. The exchange may be made only for the official use of the officials with authority to make the employment determination. The exchange is subject to the restrictions on dissemination imposed under P.L.92-544, (86 Stat. 1115) (1972).

(h) This subsection applies to a qualified entity (as defined in IC 10-13-3-16) that is a public agency under IC 5-14-1.5-2(a)(1). After receiving the results of a national criminal history background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall provide a copy to the public agency. Except as permitted by federal law, the public agency may not share the information contained in the national criminal history background check with a private agency.

(i) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that is a:

- (1) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or
- (2) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.

After receiving the results of a national criminal history background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall make a determination whether the applicant has been convicted of an offense described in IC 16-27-2-5(a) and convey the determination to the requesting qualified entity.

SECTION 3. IC 29-3-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1. (a) Any person may file a petition for the appointment of a person to serve as guardian for an incapacitated person or minor under this chapter or to have a protective order issued under IC 29-3-4. The petition must state the following:

- (1) The name, age, residence, and post office address of the alleged incapacitated person or minor for whom the guardian is sought to be appointed.
- (2) The nature of the incapacity.
- (3) The approximate value and description of the property of the incapacitated person or minor, including any compensation,

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pension, insurance, or allowance to which the incapacitated person or minor may be entitled.

(4) If a limited guardianship is sought, the particular limitations requested.

(5) Whether a guardian has been appointed or is acting for the incapacitated person or minor in any state.

(6) The residence and post office address of the proposed guardian and the proposed guardian's relationship to the alleged incapacitated person.

(7) The names and addresses, as far as known or as can reasonably be ascertained, of the persons most closely related by blood or marriage to the person for whom the guardian is sought to be appointed.

(8) The name and address of the person or institution having the care and custody of the person for whom the guardian is sought to be appointed.

(9) The names and addresses of any other incapacitated persons or minors for whom the proposed guardian is acting if the proposed guardian is an individual.

(10) The reasons the appointment of a guardian is sought and the interest of the petitioner in the appointment.

(11) The name and business address of the attorney who is to represent the guardian.

**(12) If the incapacitated person is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a statement whether a child in need of services petition or a program of informal adjustment has been filed regarding the incapacitated person, and, if so, whether the case is open at the time the guardianship petition is filed.**

(b) Notice of a petition under this section for the appointment of a guardian and the hearing on the petition shall be given under IC 29-3-6.

(c) After the filing of a petition, the court shall set a date for hearing on the issues raised by the petition. Unless an alleged incapacitated person is already represented by counsel, the court may appoint an attorney to represent the incapacitated person.

(d) A person alleged to be an incapacitated person must be present at the hearing on the issues raised by the petition and any response to the petition unless the court determines by evidence that:

(1) it is impossible or impractical for the alleged incapacitated person to be present due to the alleged incapacitated person's disappearance, absence from the state, or similar circumstance;

(2) it is not in the alleged incapacitated person's best interest to be present because of a threat to the health or safety of the alleged

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incapacitated person as determined by the court;

(3) the incapacitated person has knowingly and voluntarily consented to the appointment of a guardian or the issuance of a protective order and at the time of such consent the incapacitated person was not incapacitated as a result of a mental condition that would prevent that person from knowingly and voluntarily consenting; or

(4) the incapacitated person has knowingly and voluntarily waived notice of the hearing and at the time of such waiver the incapacitated person was not incapacitated as a result of a mental condition that would prevent that person from making a knowing and voluntary waiver of notice.

(e) A person alleged to be an incapacitated person may present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing. The issues raised by the petition and any response to the petition shall be determined by a jury if a jury is requested no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the original date and time set for the hearing on the petition. However, in no event may a request for a jury trial be made after thirty (30) days have passed following the service of notice of a petition.

(f) Any person may apply for permission to participate in the proceeding, and the court may grant the request with or without hearing upon determining that the best interest of the alleged incapacitated person or minor will be served by permitting the applicant's participation. The court may attach appropriate conditions to the permission to participate.

**(g) The department shall be notified and be allowed to participate in a hearing under this section if there:**

**(1) has been a child in need of services case filed; or**

**(2) is a program of informal adjustment pending;**

**involving the alleged incapacitated person or minor.**

SECTION 4. IC 29-3-8-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 9. (a) A probate or juvenile court may include in its order creating a guardianship of a minor the following requirements:**

**(1) That the minor must reside with the guardian until the guardianship is terminated or modified.**

**(2) Any terms and conditions that a parent must meet in order to seek modification or termination of the guardianship.**

**(b) If an order creating a guardianship contains conditions described in subsection (a)(2), the court may modify or terminate the guardianship only if the parent:**

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(1) complies with the terms and conditions; and

(2) proves the parent's current fitness to assume all parental obligations by clear and convincing evidence.

(c) If a petition is filed for modification, resignation, or removal of the guardian or termination of the guardianship before the terms and conditions described in subsection (a)(2) are proven, the petition shall be referred to the department of child services to determine placement of the child in accordance with the best interests of the child.

(d) A court shall notify the department if:

(1) a guardianship is created concerning a child who is subject to a:

(A) petition alleging the child to be a child in need of services; or

(B) program of informal adjustment; and

(2) at least one (1) of the following petitions is filed:

(A) A petition to modify or terminate the guardianship.

(B) Any petitions regarding the:

(i) death;

(ii) resignation; or

(iii) removal;

of the guardian and any related hearings.

(e) At any hearing regarding a petition filed under this section, the court shall:

(1) consider the position of the department; and

(2) if requested by the department, allow the department to present evidence regarding:

(A) whether the guardianship should be modified or terminated;

(B) the fitness of the parent to provide for the care and supervision of the minor at the time of the hearing;

(C) the appropriate care and placement of the child; and

(D) the best interests of the child.

SECTION 5. IC 31-19-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2009, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12. As soon as a petition for adoption is found to be in proper form, the clerk of the court shall forward one (1) copy of the petition for adoption to

(1) a licensed child placing agency as described in IC 31-19-7-1, with preference to be given to the agency, if any, sponsoring the adoption, as shown by the petition for adoption. ~~and~~

~~(2) the department.~~

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SECTION 6. IC 31-19-9-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 14. **Except as provided in section 17(b) of this chapter**, a putative father whose consent to adoption of a child is implied under this chapter or IC 31-19-5-18 is not entitled to establish paternity under IC 31-14.

SECTION 7. IC 31-27-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007, SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 5. (a) An applicant must apply for a foster family home license on forms provided by the department.

(b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the application.

(c) An applicant must submit with the application a statement attesting the following:

(1) ~~That~~ **Whether** the applicant has ~~not~~ been convicted of:

(A) a felony; or

(B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of children.

(2) ~~That~~ **Whether** the applicant has ~~not~~ been charged with:

(A) a felony; or

(B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of children;

during the pendency of the application.

(d) An applicant shall submit the necessary information, forms, or consents for the department to conduct a criminal history check for each individual who is an applicant.

(e) The department or, at the discretion of the department, an applicant, shall conduct a criminal history check of:

(1) the applicant's employees and volunteers who have or will have direct contact, on a regular and continuing basis, with children who are or will be under the direct supervision of the applicant; and

(2) all household members who are at least fourteen (14) years of age.

(f) If the applicant conducts criminal history checks under subsection (e), the applicant shall maintain records of the information received concerning each individual subject of a criminal history check.

(g) If the department conducts a criminal history check on behalf of an applicant under subsection (e), the department shall:

(1) make a determination whether the subject of a national fingerprint based criminal history check has a record of a conviction for:

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- 1 (A) a felony; or  
 2 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health and safety of a child;  
 3 (2) notify the applicant of the determination under subdivision (1)  
 4 without identifying a specific offense or other identifying  
 5 information concerning a conviction contained in the national  
 6 criminal history record information;  
 7 (3) submit to the applicant a copy of any state limited criminal  
 8 history report that the department receives on behalf of any person  
 9 described in subsection (e); and  
 10 (4) maintain a record of every report and all information the  
 11 department receives concerning a person described in subsection  
 12 (e).  
 13 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), a criminal history check  
 14 described in subsection (e) is required only at the time an application  
 15 for a new license or the renewal of an existing license is submitted.  
 16 (i) With the exception of a fingerprint based criminal history  
 17 background check under IC 31-9-2-22.5(1)(B) for a person described  
 18 in subsection (e)(1), a criminal history check concerning a person  
 19 described in subsection (e) must be completed on or before the date on  
 20 which the subject of the check is first employed or assigned as a  
 21 volunteer in a position described in subsection (e)(1) or first becomes  
 22 a resident of the applicant's household as described in subsection  
 23 (e)(2). A fingerprint based criminal history background check under  
 24 IC 31-9-2-22.5(1)(B) for a person described in subsection (e)(1) must  
 25 be completed not later than the conclusion of the first ninety (90) days  
 26 of employment in or assignment of a volunteer. However, if a person  
 27 described in this subsection has been the subject of a criminal history  
 28 check that was conducted not more than one (1) year before the date  
 29 the license application is submitted to the department, a new criminal  
 30 history check of that person is not required.  
 31 (j) An applicant or a licensee described in subsection (e)(1) may  
 32 provisionally employ an individual or assign a volunteer for whom a  
 33 criminal history check is required during the period after the process of  
 34 requesting fingerprint based criminal history background check  
 35 information has been initiated by or on behalf of the applicant or  
 36 licensee but before the determination is obtained by or communicated  
 37 to the applicant or licensee. If the determination is not received by not  
 38 later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of hire or volunteer  
 39 assignment, the employee or volunteer relationship must be terminated  
 40 or suspended until a determination is received. An employee or  
 41 volunteer whose determination has not yet been received may not have  
 42 direct contact with a child who is or will be placed at a facility operated

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by the applicant or licensee unless the direct contact occurs only in the presence of a volunteer or employee of the applicant or licensee who has been the subject of a completed and approved criminal history check. In determining whether to provisionally hire or assign as a volunteer an individual described in subsection (e)(1), the applicant or licensee shall consider the following:

- (1) The training time required by an employee or a volunteer.
- (2) The safety and security of the children under the supervision of the applicant or licensee.
- (3) The safety and security of the other staff and volunteers working under the supervision of the applicant or licensee.
- (4) The staffing concerns of the applicant or licensee.
- (5) Any other factor relating to the safety and security of the applicant's or licensee's operations.

(k) The department shall, at the applicant's request, inform the applicant whether the department has or does not have a record of the person who is the subject of a criminal history background check and if the department has identified the person as an alleged perpetrator of abuse or neglect. The department may not provide to the applicant any details or personally identifying information contained in any child protective investigation report.

(l) A person who is the subject of a criminal history check conducted in accordance with this section may request the state police department to provide the person with a copy of any state or national criminal history report concerning the person.

SECTION 8. IC 31-30-1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006, SECTION 275, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), this article does not prohibit a probate court from exercising its jurisdiction over guardianship of a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) If allegations in the petition for guardianship or allegations produced at guardianship proceedings indicate that the person for whom the guardianship is requested meets the definition of a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1, the probate court on its own motion or at the request of a party shall:

- (1) send the petition for guardianship or the record of guardianship proceedings, or both, to ~~the prosecuting attorney~~ or the attorney for the department of child services; and
- (2) direct the ~~prosecuting attorney~~ or the attorney for the department of child services to initiate an investigation and proceedings in the juvenile court to determine whether the person

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for whom the guardianship is requested is a child in need of services.

(c) The probate court retains jurisdiction over the matter until the juvenile court authorizes the filing of a petition under IC 31-34-9.

**(d) If a juvenile court issues an order establishing or modifying a guardianship over a minor:**

**(1) the probate court that retains jurisdiction over the case; or**

**(2) an appropriate court in that county;**

**shall conduct additional proceedings if the juvenile court requests the additional proceedings.**

SECTION 9. IC 31-30-1-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 12. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a court having jurisdiction under IC 31-17-2 of a child custody proceeding in a marriage dissolution has concurrent original jurisdiction with the juvenile court for the purpose of modifying custody of a child who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court because:

(1) the child is the subject of a child in need of services proceeding;

(2) the child is the subject of a juvenile delinquency proceeding that does not involve an act described under IC 31-37-1-2; or

(3) the child is the subject of a paternity proceeding.

(b) Whenever the court having child custody jurisdiction under IC 31-17-2 in a marriage dissolution modifies child custody as provided by this section, the modification is effective only when the juvenile court:

(1) enters an order approving the child custody modification; or

(2) terminates the child in need of services proceeding, the juvenile delinquency proceeding, or the paternity proceeding.

**(c) If a juvenile court issues an order modifying child custody or visitation under this section, the court in which the original action was filed shall reassume primary jurisdiction and shall conduct any additional proceeding after the order was transmitted to the court in which the original action was filed.**

SECTION 10. IC 31-30-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 13. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a court having jurisdiction under IC 31-14 of a child custody proceeding in a paternity proceeding has concurrent original jurisdiction with another juvenile court for the purpose of modifying custody of a child who is under the jurisdiction of the other juvenile court because:

(1) the child is the subject of a child in need of services

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proceeding; or

(2) the child is the subject of a juvenile delinquency proceeding that does not involve an act described under IC 31-37-1-2.

(b) Whenever the court having child custody jurisdiction under IC 31-14 in a paternity proceeding modifies child custody as provided by this section, the modification is effective only when the juvenile court with jurisdiction over the child in need of services proceeding or juvenile delinquency proceeding:

(1) enters an order approving the child custody modification; or

(2) terminates the child in need of services proceeding or the juvenile delinquency proceeding.

**(c) If a juvenile court issues an order creating or modifying the establishment of paternity under this section:**

**(1) the court in which the original action was filed; or**

**(2) an appropriate court in that county;**

**shall reassume primary jurisdiction and shall conduct any additional proceeding after the order is transmitted to the court in which the original action was filed.**

SECTION 11. IC 31-33-3-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2005, SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 5. The community child protection team

~~(1) shall provide diagnostic and prognostic services for the department or the juvenile court; and~~

~~(2) may recommend to the department that a petition be filed in the juvenile court on behalf of the subject child if the team believes this would best serve the interests of the child.~~

SECTION 12. IC 31-33-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2009, SECTION 46, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 7. (a) The department's assessment, to the extent that is reasonably possible, must include the following:

(1) The nature, extent, and cause of the known or suspected child abuse or neglect.

(2) The identity of the person allegedly responsible for the child abuse or neglect.

(3) The names and conditions of other children in the home.

(4) An evaluation of the parent, guardian, custodian, or person responsible for the care of the child.

(5) The home environment and the relationship of the child to the parent, guardian, or custodian or other persons responsible for the child's care.

(6) All other data considered pertinent.

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(b) The assessment may include the following:

- (1) A visit to the child's home.
- (2) An interview with the subject child.
- (3) A physical, psychological, or psychiatric examination of any child in the home.

(c) If:

- (1) admission to the home, the school, or any other place that the child may be; or
- (2) permission of the parent, guardian, custodian, or other persons responsible for the child for the physical, psychological, or psychiatric examination;

under subsection (b) cannot be obtained, the juvenile court, upon good cause shown, shall follow the procedures under IC 31-32-12.

**(d) If a custodial parent, guardian, or custodian refuses to allow the department to interview a child after the family case manager has attempted to obtain parental consent to interview the child, the department may petition a court to order the parent, guardian, or custodian to make the child available to be interviewed by the family case manager. The court may authorize the child to be interviewed without a parent, guardian, or custodian present for the interview. If the court grants a motion under this subsection, the court shall specify in the order the efforts the department made to obtain parental consent.**

SECTION 13. IC 31-33-18-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.182-2009(ss), SECTION 379, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies to records held by:

- ~~(1)~~ the division of family resources;
- ~~(2)~~ (1) a county office;
- ~~(3)~~ (2) the department;
- ~~(4)~~ (3) a local child fatality review team established under IC 31-33-24;
- ~~(5)~~ (4) the statewide child fatality review committee established under IC 31-33-25; or
- ~~(6)~~ (5) the department of child services ombudsman established by IC 4-13-19-3;

regarding a child whose death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), a child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect if

- ~~(1)~~ an entity described in subsection (a) determines that the child's death or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment, or

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(2) a prosecuting attorney files:

(A) an indictment or information; or

(B) a complaint alleging the commission of a delinquent act; that, if proven, would cause a reasonable person to believe that the child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

Upon the request of any person, or upon its own motion, the court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in the county in which the child's death or near fatality occurred shall determine whether the allegations contained in the indictment, information, or complaint described in subdivision (2), if proven, would cause a reasonable person to believe that the child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "case" means:

(A) any intake report generated by the department;

(B) any investigation or assessment conducted by the department; or

(C) ongoing involvement between the department and a child or family that is the result of:

(i) a program of informal adjustment;

(ii) a child in need of services action; or

(iii) a service referral agreement that has not been expunged as required by another law by a court at the time and date when the department is notified of a fatality or near fatality;

(2) "contact" means in person communication with a family case manager in a case in which:

(A) a child residing in a home is alleged to be a victim; and

(B) an adult residing in the home is alleged to be the perpetrator;

(3) "identifying information" means information that identifies an individual, including an individual's:

(A) name, address, date of birth, occupation, place of employment, and telephone number;

(B) employer identification number, mother's maiden name, Social Security number, or any identification number issued by a governmental entity;

(C) unique biometric data, including the individual's fingerprint, voice print, or retina or iris image;

(D) unique electronic identification number, address, or

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1 routing code;

2 (E) telecommunication identifying information; or

3 (F) telecommunication access device, including a card, a plate,  
4 a code, an account number, a personal identification number,  
5 an electronic serial number, a mobile identification number, or  
6 another telecommunications service or device or means of  
7 account access; and

8 ~~(2)~~ (4) "near fatality" has the meaning set forth in 42 U.S.C.  
9 5106a.

10 (d) Unless information in a record is otherwise confidential under  
11 state or federal law, a record described in subsection (a) that has been  
12 redacted in accordance with this section is not confidential and may be  
13 disclosed to any person who requests the record. The person requesting  
14 the record may be required to pay the reasonable expenses of copying  
15 the record.

16 (e) When a person requests a record described in subsection (a), the  
17 entity having control of the record shall immediately transmit a copy of  
18 the record to the court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in the county in  
19 which the death or near fatality of the child occurred. However, if the  
20 court requests that the entity having control of a record transmit the  
21 original record, the entity shall transmit the original record.

22 (f) Upon receipt of the record described in subsection (a), the court  
23 shall, within thirty (30) days, redact the record to exclude:

24 (1) identifying information described in subsection ~~(c)(1)(B)~~  
25 ~~(c)(3)(B)~~ through ~~(c)(1)(F)~~ ~~(c)(3)(F)~~ of a person; and

26 (2) all identifying information of a child less than eighteen (18)  
27 years of age.

28 (g) The court shall disclose the record redacted in accordance with  
29 subsection (f) to any person who requests the record, if the person has  
30 paid:

31 (1) to the entity having control of the record, the reasonable  
32 expenses of copying under IC 5-14-3-8; and

33 (2) to the court, the reasonable expenses of copying the record.

34 (h) The data and information in a record disclosed under this section  
35 must include the following:

36 (1) A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual  
37 description of the contents of the report.

38 (2) The date of birth and gender of the child.

39 (3) The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if the cause has been  
40 determined.

41 (4) Whether the department or the office of the secretary of family  
42 and social services had any contact with the child or a member of

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the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality, and, if the department ~~or the office of the secretary of family and social services~~ had contact, the following:

(A) The frequency of the contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's ~~family~~ or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality.

(B) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including:

(i) whether the child's case was closed by the department ~~or the office of the secretary of family and social services~~ before the fatality or near fatality; and

(ii) if the child's case was closed as described under item (i), the **date of closure and the** reasons that the case was closed.

(i) The court's determination under subsection (f) that certain identifying information or other information is not relevant to establishing the facts and circumstances leading to the death or near fatality of a child is not admissible in a criminal proceeding or civil action.

SECTION 14. IC 31-34-21-7.7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 7.7. **(a)** If the juvenile court approves a permanency plan under section 7 of this chapter that provides for the appointment of a guardian for a child, the juvenile court may appoint a guardian of the person and administer a guardianship for the child under IC 29-3.

**(b)** If a guardianship of the person proceeding for the child is pending in a probate court, the probate court shall transfer the proceeding to the juvenile court.

**(c) In creating a guardianship of a minor, a probate or juvenile court may include in an order the requirements set forth in IC 29-3-8-9.**

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